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say that they can't do it without having a license? You say it doesn't.

SENATOR SYAS: On the top of page 6, Game and Parks Commission, four, for any person who is 16 years age or older to take, see that up there?

SENATOR BARNETT: What page?

SENATOR SYAS: Page 6. In other words, the way I read it, it allows anyone to take, it only applies to those over 16 years of age.

SENATOR BARNETT: Okay, then, this as far as you're concerned would satisfy what Senator Duis...

SENATOR SYAS: Well, I don't know if it satisfies, but the way I read it, and I'll tell you this, advance the bill and if Senator Duis doesn't think it's plain enough I certainly will, willing to put a clarification thing on it. Just remember this that we have had bullfrogs, hunting bullfrogs for probably 10, 15 years and no one in the State of Nebraska has ever brought up to me when their kids catch a bullfrog that it was illegal. I've never heard of anyone making a case out of catching a bullfrog, put him in a jar at home. This is rather new to me. Now we're adding turtles and salamanders and mussels, if it's not clear enough, I'm willing to clarify it.

SENATOR BARNETT: Well, may we ask Senator Duis if...

SENATOR SYAS: But they didn't do it on bullfrogs.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Turn around, George, I can't look at you and say it. Okay.

SENATOR SYAS: Man, I hope I don't have another bill like this.

SENATOR DUIS: Senator Syas, I don't think it does what you say because on page 5, section 3, if you'll turn to it for me, please, I, I have, I'm like you, I want to take care of this but I still don't want to hurt these youngsters. It says there on page 14, I mean line 14 on page 5, unless holding a permit as in this act required it shall be unlawful for any person...

SENATOR SYAS: Yes, go ahead.

SENATOR DUIS: All right, now, I want, you go right ahead and advance your bill and I know you and I've known you for 20 some years and I know you're honest and you're sincere, and I know that when that gets over on Select File, George, if it doesn't do what we say it is, you'll change so it would..

SENATOR SYAS: That's right.

SENATOR DUIS: ...AND I trust you implicitly.

SENATOR SYAS: That's right, the only thing...

SENATOR DUIS: And you trust me and we've been together for many years, but I can't see any place in here where it exempts any youngster from having this bullfrog or this salamander.